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Dear Ben,

As you know Linda Cox has left my firm and joined another firm. Additionally, I probably will not be a candidate for next year's state legislative program when the current contract comes up for renewal on September 30, 2005. I hope that when the contract is renewed that every consideration will be given to Linda in recognition of her knowledge of issues relating to Leon County and her extensive experience with the County.

I have enjoyed working with you, the Commission and all of the County Administrative staff. Everyone presents themselves in an extremely competent and professional manner. My decision to not seek further representation of the County relates only to my desire to reorganize my practice in a manner that leaves me more time to spend with my family and to lessen the administrative burdens that come with representing multiple clients.

The balance of any fees due under the current contract is owed to the "old" firm, even though there has been a name change to my P.A., to reflect Linda's departure. Jack M. Skelding Jr., P.A. is the firm's new name, and it legally remains the contractor on the current agreement for lobbying services regardless of that name change or Linda's departure. Linda was an employee of the firm and not a stockholder or owner.

I am available to perform any work you deem necessary under the current contract.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jack